

(c) the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRIBALRAMSING YADAV): (a) The indigenous production of gold in the country is anticipated to be 1970 Kgs during 1991-92.

(b) and (c). As the known gold deposits in the country are generally small and of low grade and hence not amenable to economic exploitation, it has not been possible to increase gold production during the year.

T. V. Programme Production Centre at Pune, Maharashtra

3209. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand for a separate T. V. programme Production Centre Pune, in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government has purchased land and allotted machinery for this purpose; and

(c) the details of the plans for setting up of such a centre there?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARIGIRIJA VYAS): (a) Government is aware of the demand for setting up of a Studio Centre at Pune, in Maharashtra.

(b) and (c). The scheme "Setting-up of studio Centre in Cultural Centres" under which TV Studio Centre proposed to be established at Pune was reviewed recently in the wake of resource constraint and views expressed by Doordarshan for not expanding TV Studio facilities in the country for the present. It has accordingly been decided not to pursue the project at Pune along with

similar projects at Ranchi and Madurai. Whereas no land could be procured at Pune for the purpose, part of the equipment procured for the projects is envisaged to be suitably utilised in Doordarshan Network.

Revamping A1 and 1A

3210. SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL:
SHRI VISHAWANATH
SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high-level inter-ministerial committee to consider the revamping of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the terms of its reference; and

(c) the time by which the vital report is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). A High Powered Committee under chairmanship of Secretary, Civil Aviation has been set up to work out detailed modalities and oversee the implementation of the decision on the restructuring of Air Corporations.

(c) The Committee has already presented its first interim report on legislative measures to the Government.

Development of Elaveezha Poonchira Tourist Centre

3211. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala

has submitted a proposal to develop Elaveezha Poonchira a tourist centre in Kottayam district of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the allocation made by the Union Government for the same?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Food Processing Industry in Muvattupuzha, Kerala with FEC Financial Assistance.

3212. SHRI P. C. THOMES: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal to set up a food processing industry in Muvattupuzha taluk in the State;

(b) whether the European Economic Community has offered financial assistance for this project;

(c) whether the Government have entered into a contract with the European Economic Community in this;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when the said unit is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHARI GOMANGO): (a) The Government of Kerala's proposal for financial assistance from EEC for the Kerala Horticultural Development Programme envisages, inter alia, the setting up of one pilot

project for fruit processing products to supply fruits in the area of Muvattupuzha Sub-district in the State.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) the EEC will provide assistance in the form of grant to the extent of ECU 28.7 million for this project which will be located in the State of Kerala. The programme will be designed to give the State farmers supplementary income by increasing the production of high value horticultural crops and to develop modern processing industry for the processing of these fruits & vegetables. The programme envisages setting up of 8 pilot projects extended over 110 to 160 sites within Kerala. The programme Inter alia envisages an R&D component, extension services, marketing support, the setting up of an agro processing plant and extension of credit to farmers subject to certain conditions.

(e) The programme is expected to be implemented over a period of 6 year from the date of the Commission's approval of the first annual work programme.

Deposits of Graphite in Kerala

3213. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is large deposits of Graphite in Vadavukode and Nagapuzha areas in Muvattupuzha taluk in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted proposals for setting up a factory; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereof?